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## "NEXT ARRESTS WILL ASTONISH HONOLULU." SAYS SMIDDY

### FRENCH HURLING GERMAN ATTACK AT VERDUN BACK

So Declare Paris Bulletins Today and Observers Think Tide Has Turned, With Allies Gaining

### BERLIN SAYS ADVANCES ARE BEING CONTINUED

Declares French Reserves Exhausted Themselves in Fruitless Efforts to Retake Fort Douaumont; Meuse is Cleared

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
PARIS, France, Feb. 28.—The great battle of Verdun is now entering into its second phase, in the judgment of military observers watching the war bulletins from the front.

Impetuous counter attacks, made by the French north of Verdun after the Germans had battered for days at the French positions, have thrown the Germans back from many positions they had captured in the first four days.

Premier Briand today advised representatives of the press that the tide has turned and the Allies are now taking the upper hand.

Fresh divisions of reinforcements are arriving on the scene.

The Germans, by a surprise attack, have succeeded in entering advance trenches of the French at Navarin farm, Champagne. North of Verdun their bombardment is unceasing.

German attempts to capture the village of Douaumont have failed, and the situation at Fort Douaumont is unchanged though the fort is closely encircled.

In the Woevre district the railroad station at Eix has changed hands repeatedly and finally is held by the French. German attacks at Hill 255 near Eix have failed. Attacks on the Manheulles positions have also failed.

Artillery duels are taking place along the entire front.

### BERLIN CLAIMS FURTHER GAINS

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 28.—Maintaining their attack, the Germans have captured positions on both sides of Navarin farm, Champagne, of 1600 and 1000 yards respectively. Nine machine guns have been captured.

The French reserves are exhausted by fruitless efforts to retake Fort Douaumont. The Germans have advanced their lines further toward Bras Vacherayville. Fresh gains have also been made in the Woevre district. It is reported today that all the French soldiers have been driven from the Meuse peninsula.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

"German Headquarters, Feb. 26.—East of Arrondissement a British attack on the night of February 25 was repulsed.

"The French attacked the position conquered by us on February 12, south of St. Marleap. The French succeeded in entering the first trenches, 250 meters deep.

"The German troops east of the Meuse made considerable progress, in the emperor's presence. Southwest of the village of Louvemon the Germans conquered some heights and took fortified positions to the eastward. Brandenburg regiments pushed forward to the village and armored fortress of Douaumont, which were stormed.

"On the Woevre plain the enemy's resistance broke down on the whole front from the district of Marneville to south of the national road from Metz to Paris. Our troops are pressing hard on the retreating enemy.

"The conquest of the village of Champneuville, reported yesterday, was mistaken.

A delayed cablegram dated February 24 also came yesterday, the news of which had previously been published in reports from Berlin, relating to preliminary fighting several miles from Verdun.

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES.  
GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 28.—At several places on the west

### DEAD OF MALOJA NUMBER 151, IS LATEST SUMMARY

Estimate of Saved is 250 and 55 Still Unaccounted For

### GERMANY AMPLIFIES SUBMARINE POLICY

In Note to United States, Says No Reason to Postpone Instructions to Commanders

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
LONDON, England, Feb. 28.—Those killed with the sinking of the Peninsular & Oriental liner Maloja yesterday off Dover probably will number 151.

It is known that 250 have been saved. The vessel, according to latest figures, carried 120 passengers and 55 people are still unaccounted for. Among those rescued was a baby, entirely unharmed.

### NEW NOTE FROM GERMANY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—In a note which Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany today presented to Secretary of State Lansing, Germany assures the United States that the imperial government has no intention of revoking any of the pledges given in the Lusitania case. The note says that Germany does not consider that there is any reason for changing or postponing the new instructions to submarine commanders. These new instructions are to treat as warships enemy merchantmen armed defensively, but the note also says that special precautions are imposed on the submarine commanders to prevent attack upon unarmed ships.

### GERMANY EXPLAINS STAND

In connection with the note from Germany mentioned above, official German cablegrams received last night and today give the German statement in fuller detail. It is as follows: "The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung reprints President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone as published by Reuters' office. The Norddeutsche then adds the following official statement:

"The principles stated in the German memorandum are by no means contrary to international law. For secret orders of the English navy published in memorandum expressly instruct armed English merchantmen not only to defend themselves but also to attack. Numerous incidents quoted in the memorandum give further proof that ships follow this instruction. Such ships, however, according to international law cease to be peaceful trading ships.

"On the other hand, the attitude adopted by our enemies appears as a gross breach of the law of nations. They commit acts of warfare with merchantmen for which only real men-of-war are qualified.

"If President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone says that announced measures against armed hostile merchantmen are contrary to the express assurances given by the German and Austro-Hungarian government to the United States, this is apparently caused by a misunderstanding. For these concessions are only in regard to peaceful passenger ships and not such ships whose armament is connected with aggressive purposes.

"This misunderstanding is apparently caused by the fact that the memorandum, together with its annexed notes, is not yet in the hands of the American government, and that President Wilson therefore could not yet have examined both."

### RUSSIAN VESSEL SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamer Petshanga has been sunk. It is announced that 15 were saved.

front there were lively artillery and mine engagements yesterday. South-east of Ypres the English attack was repulsed. On the heights to the right of the Meuse the French with fresh troops tried five times to reconquer the armored fortress of Douaumont but were repulsed. West of the fortress the Germans took Champ Neuville and Codetelou and reached near the south edge of the forest, northeast of Bras. East of the fortress the Germans stormed the extended fortification of Hardoumont. On the Woevre plain the German front is advanced toward the foot of Cottelouraine.

"According to the latest reports the number of unwounded prisoners is now almost 15,000.

"In Flanders a German air squadron has repeated its attacks against the enemy's troop camps. In Metz eight civilians and seven soldiers have been killed or wounded by the bombs dropped by enemy aviators and several houses damaged. In an air fight a French aeroplane was shot down within the fortress limits and another was brought down by artillery. The operators, among them two captains, were made prisoners.

### FELIX DIAZ MAY HEAD NEW REVOLT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Reports are confirmed that Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of the late Porfirio Diaz and prominent figure in several revolutions, has left the United States to start a new revolution in Mexico. The news has come from several sources to the department of justice.

### NEW TRAGEDY OF SEA IN SINKING HOSPITAL SHIP

Italian Vessel Reported Lost; Dead of Maloja Now is Believed 151

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 28.—The sinking of an Italian hospital ship, the Marchiaro, off Albania, is reported today in despatches from Rome. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. Large numbers are believed to have perished.

### BIG SUM TAKEN BY ROBBERS IN NEW YORK COUP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 28.—It became known today that on Saturday robbers attempted to secure \$1,000,000 consigned to local banks. The burglars broke into the United States bank in a hurry while the money was in transit to the banks.

Those concerned refuse to give any particulars. It is believed the robbers' loot consists of four pouches, one containing \$200,000.

### ITALY PLANNED DURAZZO MOVES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
ROME, Italy, Feb. 28.—According to press despatches, Albania, was part of the regular campaign plan. Italy had no intent or object in defending this city, it is declared.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Day
Alaska Gold	213 1/2	22 1/2
American Smelter	97 1/2	98 1/2
American Sugar Rfg	111 1/2	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anacosta Copper	85 1/2	87
Atchafalca	102 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	102 1/2	104 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	85 1/2	86 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	45 1/2	46 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	27 1/2	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific	166 1/2	168 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	93 1/2	94
Colo. Fuel & Iron	40 1/2	43
Crucible Steel	72 1/2	76 1/2
Erie Common	35 1/2	36
General Electric	118	120 1/2
General Motors	480	480
Great Northern Pfd.	120 1/2	120 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	108 1/2	109 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	76 1/2	78 1/2
New York Central	103	104
Pennsylvania	67 1/2	68 1/2
Ray Consol.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Southern Pacific	88 1/2	89 1/2
Studebaker	138	141
Tennessee Copper	54	54
Union Pacific	133 1/2	133 1/2
U. S. Steel	82	82 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	83 1/2	83 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2	88
Westinghouse	63 1/2	64 1/2

\*Bid.

SUGAR.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 28.—Sugar, 96° test, 4.92 cents. Previous quotations, 4.86c.

RUBBER.

The Waterhouse Company received a cablegram this afternoon quoting the price of rubbers on the New York market as 94 cents, an advance of five cents over last week.

Argument on the writ of prohibition issued by the supreme court in the equity suit brought by Delegate Kuhio against the trustees of the Liliuokalani Trust has been continued in the higher court until 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

### Arrested Yesterday as Active Agent in "Plot"



Guy D. Randell, under arrest by the U. S. marshal's office and held a prisoner at the territorial jail, where the photo above was taken this morning by a Star-Bulletin staff photographer.

### Seligsen Declares Randell Worked As Solicitor For Him But Two Days

Cloak and Suit Man Denies His Firm in Any Way Connected With Alleged "Recruiting" Plot; Randell Took Firm's Cards and May Have Used Them and Firm Name Without Authority

W. R. Seligsen obtained a second release from custody this afternoon at 3:05 o'clock, under \$2500 bond. His bondsmen are B. E. Noble, treasurer of the N. S. Sachs Company, and Lam Lee, manager of the New York Shoe Company.

W. R. Seligsen, charged with being a co-conspirator of Randell's, told the Star-Bulletin vehemently this morning that he has known Randell but a few days, that Randell worked for him only as a solicitor for two days, and that he has had nothing to do with securing the discharge of any soldier.

Between nervous gulps—for he was plainly laboring under severe strain—he denied any knowledge whatever of the matters with which he is charged. Seligsen, after his arrest yesterday, was placed in the territorial prison as a federal prisoner and held until about 2 o'clock this morning. Then, according to the marshal's office, he was released on \$1000 bail, furnished by the well-known Chinese professional bondsmen, Yee Yap. Seligsen told the Star-Bulletin this morning that he did not know Yee Yap and that was soon confirmed.

After being at liberty on the \$1000 bond until about 9 this morning, Seligsen's bail was raised to \$3500 and he was taken into custody by the marshal's office again. Later the bail demanded was reduced to \$2500.

Seligsen says that the \$1000 bail last night was secured through Attorney George Davis, who came to see him in prison. Shortly before noon today, while Seligsen was sitting in the U. S. marshal's office—held in the absence of the higher bail—Attorney Davis appeared with Yee Yap, whom he introduced to Seligsen.

"Seligsen, this is Yee Yap, who got that bail for you last night," he said, and suggested that the two talk over the matter of Yee Yap's furnishing the higher bail. Seligsen and the Chinese then went into earnest conference.

Prior to that time Seligsen had briefly given his side of the matter to the Star-Bulletin, declaring his innocence at every other sentence. Says He Was Born in Germany.

When he first started talking Seligsen's accent appeared to be English, but when asked where was born he said that he was born in Germany.

Delegate Kuhio will arrive on the Matsonia tomorrow. It was learned today. It has not been definitely known that he was on the steamer.

### "RECRUITING PLOT" TO HAVE NEW SENSATION; TWO MEN NOW IN DRAGNET DENY CONSPIRACY

Guy D. Randell and W. R. Seligsen Declare They Know Nothing About Recruiting Scheme to Get Soldiers From U. S. Army to Join Allies—Arrests Yesterday Result of Marshal's Information Clinched Saturday Night—Federal Authorities Hint at Prominent Local Persons Involved

Warrants are ready this afternoon to serve on from three to five persons in Honolulu, charging complicity in what is alleged to be a widespread plot to recruit enlisted men and non-commissioned officers from the army of the United States on Oahu and send them to Canada and Australia to help train troops which are destined for the battle fronts of Europe.

Two corporals of the 4th Cavalry from Schofield Barracks, who are held as witnesses in the case, declare that they were approached and offered financial assistance which would enable them to purchase their discharges from the army so that they might enlist with the Allies.

Corroborating their testimony, there are said to be in U. S. Marshal J. J. Smiddy's possession letters promising the two corporals positions, as well as an uncashed check for \$140. The signature of the check will not be divulged until additional arrests have been made.

As the result of information given first to the marshal's office and later to army officials, Guy D. Randell, formerly a resident of New Zealand; W. R. Seligsen alias Stein, proprietor of the New York Dress Company, and R. B. Jefferson, formerly a private in the army, were arrested by Marshal J. J. Smiddy yesterday on warrants sworn to by District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan. The complaints charge them with having conspired to recruit men in Honolulu to join the forces of the Allies.

Marshal Smiddy said today that his office may serve several more warrants this afternoon and tonight. "Arrests will be made which will astonish Honolulu," he said, but declined to say where the warrants are to fall.

The arrests made yesterday were the result of information clinched late Saturday night, it was stated at the marshal's office today. On Saturday night attaches of the office, after watching Randell and Seligsen for hours, it is stated, believed that they had the definite information to warrant making the arrests.

### REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR PROGRESSES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The House ways and means committee, by a unanimous vote, today, authorized a favorable report on the administration bill to repeal the free-sugar clause in the Simmons-Underwood tariff law. Under this clause "free sugar" would have become operative in May. The new bill definitely repeals the clause. On Thursday the bill will come before the house for a vote, with the favorable report of the committee.

### LIEUT. M'RAE COMES AS ADJUTANT-GENERAL

Lieut.-col. James H. McRae, now on duty in the office of the adjutant general of the army at Washington, has been ordered to Honolulu for duty as adjutant of the Hawaiian department, relieving Col. Archibald Campbell, who has served here for the last five years. Col. McRae will leave San Francisco about June 5.

### GIVING SEVERE TEST TO SIX WATER METERS

Six water meters of different makes have been installed at both the Kalihi and Beretania street pumping stations of the water works and will run continuously for from four to six months. About 50,000 gallons of water a day are running through each of the meters. The residential metered consumption of the city runs from 725 to 2200 gallons a day per meter and the commercial metered consumption does not run more than 5000 gallons a day per meter.

A small concrete building of the Equitable Powder company at East Alton, Ill., was wrecked by an explosion of unknown cause. No one was in the building at the time.

### FOR SALE

Safe, 2700 pounds, double-door; canopy-top surrey, cheap; roaster, in good condition. Phone 3230.

The greater part of the work in bringing the so-called recruiting "plot" to a head has been done by local army officers, according to the two corporals. Marshal J. J. Smiddy says that he had been watching the actions of the men who were arrested for the last several nights.

In the story told by them today, the corporals said they had a meeting with Jefferson and Randell at Schofield Barracks, at which time they were told that, if they wanted to, they could buy out of the American army and join the Canadian service. Jefferson and Randell told them, they say, that they would be assisted in purchasing their discharges, and that they could leave for Canada in the Niagara on March 3.

This interview took place a few days prior to February 20. One of the corporals was first approached, and later the second one was taken into the confidence of Randell and Jefferson.

Would Buy Discharges.

"These men told us they would pay for the trip to the coast and buy our discharges out of the army," says one of the corporals. "We both told them that we would go, but we never intended to. We were curious to see if they could really put the deal through, and when we found that it looked serious we informed the authorities."

"Randell told us that the British Association of Honolulu was not back of the project."

The corporal went on to say that, after they informed the authorities, they continued to negotiate with Randell and Jefferson, pretending that they were in earnest. One letter was presented, he said, stating that the New York Dress Company would employ one of the men as a drummer, and also a check for \$140, representing the amount necessary to purchase the discharge.

Going on Several Months.

This same corporal stated that he understood that the business of trying to recruit men for the British army has been going on here for several months, although he has no evidence to that effect. Several men, he adds, have been approached and have refused to consider the project. The corporal said he did not know whether the men engaged in the alleged recruiting are the same ones who were arrested.

"As I understand it," the corporal said, "this work was done by persons who have since left the city. When I was approached I was given to understand that there was a third party in the deal, some 'higher-up,' who pushed the letter through. This third party was to cash the check. But we didn't get to see him. Randell and Jefferson thought that the other corporal and myself were British subjects, they said."

"We were told that there were higher-ups who would help push the deal through so that we could get away in the Niagara on March 3. The people back of it must be pretty big to get a thing like that across. Money to Send More."

"I understand that 40 or 50 men

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